Department of State

TELEGRAM

591

UNCLASSIFIED

AN: D800128-0746

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SEOUL 03128 1308212
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-15
HA-05 /077 W
---------- 121521 1308222 /17
P 1308002 MAR 80
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4877
INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

UNCLAS SEOUL 03128

E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, KS
SUBJECT: KIM DAE-JUNG REQUESTS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

1. THE AFTERNOON PAPERS OF MARCH 12 CARRIED THE FULL TEXT OF A SHORT LETTER KIM DAE-JUNG HAD SENT PRESIDENT CHOI KYU HAH BY REGISTERED MAIL THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE LETTER ADDRESSED THE PRESIDENT AS "YOUR EXCELLENCY" AND WAS COUCHED IN VERY COURTEOUS LANGUAGE. IN IT, KIM SAID THAT IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT PARK'S DEATH THE NATION FACES MANY DIFFICULTIES. "AS I SAID IN MY PRESS CONFERENCE OF MARCH 1, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU DIRECTLY. I HOPE THAT WE CAN DISCUSS NATIONAL SECURITY, SOCIAL STABILITY, PUBLIC ORDER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY, A WAY TO STABILIZE THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE COMMON PEOPLE, WAYS TO COPE WITH ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, AND AN APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE."

2. A BLUE HOUSE OFFICIAL, WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE PROPOSED MEETING, SAID THERE WOULD BE NO RESPONSE UNTIL THE LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THE OFFICIAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS DISCOURTEOUS FOR KIM TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE LETTER BEFORE THE PRESIDENT HAD EVEN RECEIVED IT. PRESUMABLY THE LETTER HAS ARRIVED BY NOW, ALTHOUGH WE
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SEOUL 03128 1308212

HAVE SEEN NOTHING FURTHER IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE MATTER.

UNCLASSIFIED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY HT DATE 8/18/82
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒
RELEASE DENIED ☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

GLEYSTEEN

UNCLASSIFIED